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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 08/716,223  
Applicant : Gerrit A. Van Schouwenburg  
Filed : November 22, 1996  
Title : **METHOD FOR PREPARING A  
COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM  
SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND THE  
COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT OBTAINED**  
Group Art Unit : 1761  
Examiner : Curtis Edward Sherrer

**FACSIMILE 703-872-9306**  
**Attention: Milton Cano**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**STATUS REQUEST**

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide a status report on the above-identified application. A summary of recent activity in the case follows:

October 30, 2001	Application forwarded to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) for decision on appeal.
February 12, 2003	Decision on Appeal with new grounds of rejection.
April 14, 2003	Amendment in response to new grounds of rejection.
April 22, 2003	Notice of Abandonment.
April 30, 2003	Facsimile copy of April 14, 2003 Amendment sent to Examiner.

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May 15, 2003

Communication refusing entry of  
April 14, 2003 Amendment.

May 23 – June 17, 2003

Multiple telephone conversations  
with Examiner and BPAI  
personnel (Eleanor Cook and  
Dale Shaw) by which the  
undersigned received verbal  
assurance that BPAI was acting  
on the case with no risk of  
abandonment. Copies of  
telephone notes evidencing such  
activity are attached.

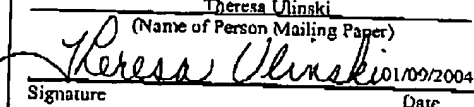
December 12, 2003

Notice of Abandonment.

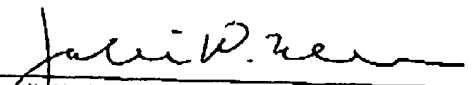
Applicant's representative have diligently prosecuted this application and  
request an explanation of its status as well as withdrawal of the December 12, 2003 Notice of  
Abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

WEBB ZIESENHEIM LOGSDON  
ORKIN & HANSON, P.C.

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Dale Shaw (BPA1)  
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NOW WHAT?

12/30  
TWO Shaw

I should call SPE  
Milton Cano  
571-272-1398

He can't remember why case is at the  
Boail in June -

- VM to SPE Cano to call me  
when he gets access to case.

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Q: Status of appls; procedural help?

5/23/03

Msg from Miss Cressy (ap?)  
703-305-8859

5/27/03

Left VM for her.

5/28/03

She called back; left VM

6/2/03

Left another VM

6/2/03

Left VM for Exr Sherrin  
→ she called back; call Board

703/

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Eleanor Cook ← all her

6/2 Sherrin -

case @ Board. No idea what to do.

6/3 Msg to Eleanor Cook

Will call me next week.

Case not abandoned per her info'n.

6/14/03. TCW Board - Eleanor Cook on vacation  
also on vacation → talk to Craig Feintberg?  
- Dale Shaw

- ↑
- VM from Dale Shaw left detailed msg.  
He got my msg; getting the case & will call back

6/17/03 TCW Dale Shaw

Board (judges) are acting on the case. He says to wait.  
No risk that will be abandoned.